

Dear Sirs:

As a medical doctor, I have a strong background in biology. I also have a strong interest in ornithology. I have been quite dismayed recently to witness a number of mishaps involving migratory birds and communications towers. I therefore would like to request that the FCC:

- begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues;
- institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality;
- undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts;
- require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews;
- and implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Without these measures, our migratory bird populations will certainly continue their downward trends. It is of the utmost importance that we preserve this outstanding legacy for all future generations. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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